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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: September 23, 2022
FILE NO: 021-14110-0287-013

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JASON P. WOLAK, COMMANDER
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

TO: BRANDON R. DEAN, CAPTAIN
NARCOTICS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

Case Number:	SH2542156
Incident:	Hit Shooting
Incident Date:	October 21, 2021
Unit:	Narcotics Bureau
Suspect(s):	Daniel Cardenas, MH/123096
Involved Employees:	Deputy [redacted], #[redacted] Deputy [redacted], #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	August 18, 2022
Statute Date:	October 20, 2022

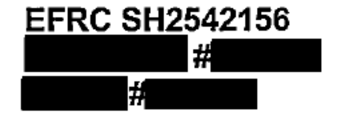
The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Alfred M. Reyes, Richard Mejia, and Jason P. Wolak (Chair) met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:

The EFRC Panel determined the tactics and force used by Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Panel noted that Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] attended Department training courses recommended by the Critical Incident Review (CIR) Panel during the December 1, 2021, CIR meeting. The Panel also



noted that Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] have attended the Department's training course Tactics and Survival 2 – Critical Incidents (High Risk).

The Panel noted that the training Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] have attended were what the Panel would have recommended. There were no further recommendations.

Detective Division Acting Chief Jose G. Mendoza concurred with the Panel's findings and recommendations.

JPW:DJW:djw

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INCIDENT REPORT

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ACTION: ☒ ACTIVE ☐ INACTIVE ☐ PENDING	NON-CRIMINAL ☐	# OF ADULT ARRESTS	# OF SUBJECT DETENTIONS	URN# RETENTION	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL	REPORTING DISTRICT	STAT CODE	TAG#
		0	0	0	21	14110	0287	051	N/A

CLASSIFICATION 1 / LEVEL / STAT CODE
Assault with a deadly weapon (Firearm) 245(a)(2)PC / F / 051

CLASSIFICATION 2 / LEVEL / STAT CODE

CLASSIFICATION 3 / LEVEL / STAT CODE

CLASSIFICATION 4 / LEVEL / STAT CODE

ADDITIONAL STAT CODES ☐ ASAP / 83 ☐ GANG RELATED / 860 ☐ CYBER - RELATED CRIME / 552 ☐ FIREARM RELATED / 830 ☐ CYBER CRIME / 551 ☐ CYBER - RELATED INCIDENT (NON - CRIMINAL) / 559 ☐ OTHER

DATE / TIME / DAY OF OCCURRENCE: 10-21-2021 / 1012 hours / Thursday
☐ PRINTS REQUESTED ☐ PRINTS COMPLETED | REQUESTED BY: | TIME:

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: Saybrook Avenue/East Allston Street, Unincorporated Los Angeles
BUSINESS NAME: N/A

CODE: V - VICTIM • W - WITNESS • I - INFORMANT • R - REPORTING PARTY • P - PARTY

CODE	#	of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
V	1	2	Doe	John						

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: LASD - Narcotics | CITY: | STATE: | ZIP: | RESIDENCE PHONE (Area Code):
BUSINESS / SCHOOL (GRADE) ADDRESS: 11515 Colima Road, D115 | CITY: Whittier | STATE: CA | ZIP: 90604 | BUSINESS PHONE (Area Code): 562 946 7125
ETHNIC ORIGIN: | EMAIL ADDRESS: | SOCIAL NETWORKING ACCOUNT: | CELL PHONE (Area Code):
VICTIM OF OFFENSE(S) (CLASSIFICATION) #: # 1 | VICTIM DESIROUS OF PROSECUTION? ☒ YES ☐ NO | VICTIM OF SEX CRIME DESIROUS OF CONFIDENTIALITY? ☐ YES ☒ NO | ENGLISH SPEAKING? ☒ YES ☐ NO LANGUAGE

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CODE: S - SUSPECT • SJ - SUBJECT • M - PATIENT • S/V - SUSPECT / VICTIM • SJ / V - SUBJECT / VICTIM

CODE	#	of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
S	1	2	Unknown					

SEX	RACE	ETHNIC ORIGIN	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CELL PHONE (Area Code)
M	H						

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MONIKER: | CHARGE: | BOOKING NUMBER: | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER:

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MONIKER: | CHARGE: | BOOKING NUMBER: | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER:

BY DEPUTY: [redacted] | EMPLOYEE #: [redacted] | SWORN EXP IN YRS: 14 | DEPUTY: | EMPLOYEE #: | SWORN EXP IN YRS: | VACATION DATES:
STATION: Narcotics | UNIT / CAR #: D626R | SHIFT: Day | APPROVED: SGT. [redacted] | EMPLOYEE #: [redacted] | DATE / TIME: 10/21/21 1902
PCD SUBMITTED? ☐ YES ☒ NO | VACATION DATES: N/A | ASSIGNMENT: Operation Safe Streets Bureau - Detective Edward Martinez
HQ NOTIFICATION REQUESTED? ☒ YES ☐ NO | DEPUTY: Sergeant [redacted] | DATE / TIME: 10-21-21 / 1022 | SPECIAL REQUEST DISTRIBUTION: Narcotics Bureau
SUSPECT / SUBJECT FIELD RELEASE APPROVED BY: | DATE / TIME: | CRIME BROADCAST BY:

LARCIS 10/25/2021 RB
SCAN 10/25/2021 RB

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URN# 021-14110-0287-051

TAG # N/A

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VEHICLE	LICENSE (STATE & NUMBER)	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE FOR VICTIM #	Unknown	Unk	Honda	Civic	4 door	Black
VEHICLE FOR SUSPECT # 1, 2	REGISTERED OWNER	IDENTIFYING FEATURES				

STATUS: ☐ STOLEN ☐ DAMAGED ☐ EMBEZZLED ☐ STORED ☐ IMPOUNDED ☒ OUTSTANDING

CHP 180 SUBMITTED? ☐ YES ☒ NO

GARAGE NAME & PHONE

DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE

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SCREENING FACTORS

☐ 1. SUSPECT IN CUSTODY
☐ 2. SUSPECT NAMED / KNOWN
☒ 3. UNIQUE SUSPECT IDENTIFIERS
☐ 4. VEHICLE IN CUSTODY
☐ 5. UNIQUE VEHICLE IDENTIFIERS
☐ 6. WRITER/REVIEWER DISCRETION

PROPERTY CODE:

S – STOLEN • R – RECOVERED • L – LOST • F – FOUND • E – EMBEZZLED • D – DAMAGED • K – SAFEKEEPING
(Use all applicable Codes; for example, if property is both Stolen and Recovered, Code is S/R)

RELEASED TO

CODE	ITEM #	QUAN.	DESCRIPTION (Include kind of article, trade name, identifying numbers, physical description, material, color, condition, age and present market value)	SERIAL #	VALUE

On 10/21/2021, at approximately 1200 hours, I responded to Cantawell-Sacred Heart of Mary High School (329 North Garfield Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640), to assist with a deputy involved shooting investigation. The above location was being utilized as a general command post during this investigation.

I obtained general information regarding this incident from the command post staff, including the approximate location of the deputy involved shooting (Saybrook Avenue/East Allston Street, Unincorporated Los Angeles).

I responded to the area of Whittier Boulevard/Westside Drive, Unincorporated Los Angeles, where I contacted LASD Narcotics Deputy Christopher Gonzalez ([redacted]). Deputy Gonzalez informed me he had been involved in a surveillance operation in that area on the morning of 10/21/2021.

During this surveillance operation, an unknown male adult produced a firearm, discharging several rounds. A deputy involved shooting occurred near the intersection of Saybrook Avenue/East Allston Street, in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles.

For further information regarding this incident, see supplemental reports written under LASD file number 021-14110-0287-051

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DATE: 10/21/2021 FILE: 021-14110-0287-051 ACTION: Additional/Active Info

C: Assault with a deadly weapon (Firearm) 245(a)(2)PC / F / 051

V: [redacted] ([redacted]

V: [redacted] ([redacted]

S: John Doe

NARRATIVE

The purpose of this supplemental report is to provide additional/active information regarding my assistance in the investigation of a deputy involved shooting, documented under LASD file number 021-14110-0287-051.

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I responded to the area of Whittier Boulevard/Westside Drive, Unincorporated Los Angeles, where I contacted LASD Narcotics Deputy Christopher Gonzalez ([redacted]). Deputy Gonzalez provided me with a synopsis of his observations and actions related to this incident.

Deputy Gonzalez stated on the morning of 10/21/2021, he was involved in a plain clothes surveillance operation, which was related to the service of a search warrant in the area of Whittier Boulevard/Westside Drive, in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles. For further information related to the service of this search warrant, see SH-AD 49 incident report written under LASD file number 921-01044-3680-188.

During this surveillance operation, he was parked in an unmarked, LASD surveillance vehicle, in a shopping center along the north side of Whittier Boulevard, immediately west of Westside Drive. His vehicle was facing south, and he was the sole occupant of this vehicle.

During the course of his surveillance, he watched as two LASD Narcotics Detectives (V/[redacted] - [redacted] and V/[redacted] - [redacted]), who were dressed in plain clothes, walked east from Westside Drive, along the south sidewalk of Whittier Boulevard. He maintained visual surveillance of V/[redacted] and V/[redacted] until they turned southbound onto Saybrook Avenue, at which time he lost visual observation of the two detectives.

		DATE:	TIME:
BY:	[redacted]	10/21/2021	1845
APPROVED:	SGT. [redacted]	10/21/21	1855
ASSIGNED:	OSS - Edward Martinez		
SECRETARY:	LARCIS 10/25/2021 RB SCAN 10/25/2021 RB		

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NARRATIVE CONTINUATION

DATE: 10/21/2021 FILE: 021-14110-0287-051 ACTION: Additional/Active Info

Deputy Gonzalez told me all of his observations to this point had directly coincided with the overall plan for the execution of this surveillance operation, as was discussed during the briefing, prior to the beginning of this surveillance operation.

Within a matter of seconds after Deputy Gonzalez lost visual observation of V/[redacted] and V/[redacted] he received a telephone call from V/[redacted] on his LASD issued cellular phone. V/[redacted] stated he and V/[redacted] were "Hit up" by two apparent gang members. Deputy Gonzalez recognized this as meaning gang members were challenging them to some sort of physical confrontation. Utilizing the radio communication channel which had been designated and reserved for this surveillance operation, Deputy Gonzalez immediately broadcast this relayed information to uniformed LASD personnel, who were assisting with the planned surveillance operation. Deputy Gonzalez knew from the initial briefing that these uniformed patrol personnel were driving black and white patrol vehicles, which were marked with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department insignia. He requested these patrol units respond to the area where he had last seen V/[redacted] and V/[redacted] to provide any assistance needed.

V/[redacted] who was still maintaining communication with Deputy Gonzalez via cellular phone, then said "417". 417 being the LASD radio code for firearm, Deputy Gonzalez understood this to mean one or more of the apparent gang members was in possession of a firearm. Within seconds of this communication, V/Ortiz said "245 on a deputy". 245 being the LASD radio code for assault with a deadly weapon, Deputy Gonzalez understood this communication to mean the apparent gang members had assaulted the detectives with a firearm.

Almost simultaneously, Deputy Gonzalez heard the sound of what he recognized to be multiple gunshots. He heard this sound both through the phone on which he was communicating with V/[redacted] as well as from the general area where he had last seen V/[redacted] and V/[redacted]

Deputy Gonzalez continued to relay the information he was receiving to uniformed patrol personnel using the designated radio communication channel. He also drove his vehicle to the area where he had last seen V/[redacted] and V/[redacted].

As he drove south on Saybrook Avenue from Whittier Boulevard, he saw V/[redacted] and V/[redacted] on Saybrook Avenue, south of Whittier Boulevard. He saw Sheriff's Department personnel with these two detectives, so he continued driving in an attempt to locate the person(s) who had been involved in the apparent assault. He continued searching the area until he was relieved by uniformed patrol personnel.

Deputy Gonzalez directed me to the intersection of East Allston Avenue/Saybrook Avenue, which is where he had learned a deputy involved shooting had occurred. I briefly surveyed this area.

BY: [redacted] DATE: 10/21/2021 TIME: 1845

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NARRATIVE CONTINUATION

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On the north sidewalk of East Allston Street, immediately west of Saybrook Avenue, I saw a bicycle and skateboard. Deputy Gonzalez told me these items had been used as props by V/ [redacted] and V/[redacted], in an attempt to maintain their plain clothes persona. On the northern portion of East Allston Street, immediately south of the bicycle and skateboard, I saw a cluster of several silver colored, expended shell casings.

On the western portion of Saybrook Avenue, immediately south of East Allston Street, I saw a distinctly separate cluster of several gold colored, expended shell casings. Along with this cluster of shell casings were several bullet fragments.

I audio recorded my interview with Deputy Gonzalez.

I relayed the information I had obtained to LASD Operation Safe Streets Detective Edward Martinez ([redacted]), who had assumed control of the scene and responsibility for the investigation related to this incident.

BY: [redacted] DATE: 10/21/2021 TIME: 1845